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YUGOSLAV STATE SECTOR
SHOWS FARM IMPROVEMENT

PROGRESS ON STATE FARMS -- Rad, No 134, 7 Jun 49

Mijalko Todorovic, Minister of Agriculture in the federal government, reported in a speech in Novi Sad on 6 June that the state sector of Yugoslav agriculture had developed as follows by the end of 1948:

The arable area increased from 216,000 hectares in 1946 to 433,000 hectares in 1948, or 198.6 percent.

The number of livestock increased from 108,000 head in 1946 to 624,000 head in 1948, or 577 percent. According to the Plan, the number of livestock in 1949 will be double that of 1948.

The number of agricultural machinery stations increased from 71 in 1946 to 109 in 1948.

The yield per hectare, in metric centners, increased as follows: wheat from 14.5 in 1946 to 17.6 in 1948, or 122 percent, corn from 16.05 in 1946 to 20.2 in 1948, or 126 percent (sic), and sugar beets from 111 in 1946 to 230 in 1948, or 207 percent.

RECLAMATION WORK BEGUN -- Rad, No 137, 10 Jun 49

Slavonski Brod -- Work on the great Lonja Polje reclamation project has begun. The largest undertaking, the Dugo Selo-Stara Gradiska canal, is under construction, as well as a dam across the Lonja and a net of smaller canals. About 10,000 hectares of arable land will be protected from flooding and made available for cultivation this year.

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The new canal will be connected with the Sava by a canal which, in case of a difference in water level, will control the flow of water. In Mokro Polje an artificial lake will be built to collect surplus water, which may be allowed to flow into the canal and the Sava, as needed.

When the entire Lonja Polje reclamation project is completed, 70,000 more hectares of arable land will be available for cultivation, a source of disease will have been eliminated, and excellent conditions will be provided for raising fish.

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